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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-26 and 29-31 are now in the case. Claims 27-28 were cancelled without prejudice. Claims 10 and 18 were amended and new claims 29-31 have been added.

Applicant notes with thanks and appreciation that claims 1-9 are allowed and that claims 10-26 have allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended claims 10 and 18 to remove the recitations of controlling the pumps which were found to be functional language. Applicant has also removed the terms "may be" in claims 10 and 18. Applicant believes that the dependent claims 11-17 and 19-26 are now allowable in light of the present amendments to independent claims 10 and 18.

Applicant has deleted claims 27 and 28 without prejudice and reserves the right to file a continuation application therefore.

Applicant has added new claims 29, 30, and 31 which correspond respectively to claims 1, 10, and 18, yet refer to a "tank" and not a "septic tank". In this way, these claims can now further include a grease trap as well as a septic tank. Support for such a tank can be found through the term "scum" which is recited throughout and which includes grease and fat.

Enclosed please find a check for \$55 to cover the cost of the additional claims.

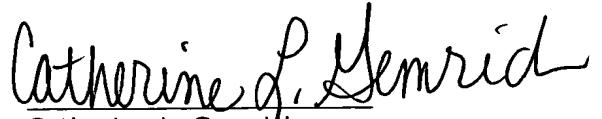
In light of the above, it is believed that this application is in full condition for allowance and early action to this end is earnestly solicited.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE TERM**

Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the normal term which expired on September 30, 2003, for three months, to December 30, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check for \$475 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account Number 04-2219, referencing our Docket Number 12888.

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